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Attorney General John Ashcroft

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

After three years of litigation, I am pleased that Microsoft and the government have finally decided to settle the antitrust suit. It will benefit the entire IT industry in the long run, and will give a great breath of fresh air to the economic doldrums we are currently experiencing.

Tort reform is needed in all areas of our legal system. It is becoming impossible to function from medicine, dentistry and even in non profit situations. It's the money not the (joke) statement.

Under the agreement, computer manufacturers are granted new opportunities to configure systems with access to various Windows features, such as those accessed by Windows Messenger and Windows Media Player. These programs can now be easily replaced with competing products.

Also, Microsoft is allowing computer makers to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software, and to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows. Finally, a "Technical Committee" will guarantee that all this actually happens.

This agreement is both fair and reasonable. My tax dollars should be used to tackle the more important issues affecting the country. I trust that the Justice Department will not seek another round of action against Microsoft on the federal level.

Sincerely,

Raymond Ammer

cc: Senator Rick Santorum